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Although most packets are of a general nature, there are occasional specialised one country packets. Good and unusual material is always wanted.

Owing to insurance difficulties, the packet is not available to overseas members, although we shall be pleased to accept material for inclusion from them.

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EDITORIAL

How nice it must be to be the Editor of the Journal of theCollectors' Club of New York. It would appear that there is a waiting list of several years to get your article published! So don't wait - send it to me.

I have always been conscious of the lack of content in our journal for collectors of El Salvador. There is a small piece in this issue but next time (September) they can look forward to a complimentary copy of "El Faro" the journal of the Associated Collectors of El Salvador. Already the originals are on my desk and in the next few weeks I shall be printing them.

Next month you are invited to the home of Brian Moorhouse between 1.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. for another summer meeting. I do hope that as many of you as possible will try to be there but please make sure that Brian knows you are going as Mimi is preparing a buffet lunch and needs numbers.

Already publicity regarding next year's MIDPEX is arriving and the date is below. As last year we shall be participating and we anticipate an "informal gathering of afficionados at a suitable watering hole" the evening before. Details nearer the time and all welcome.

For those of you who are members of the Postal History Society, you may be interested to know that I have been invited to display 200 sheets of Nicaraguan Postal History at Hanley on Saturday 5 October. I assume they would welcome guests for the morning so if you are not a member and would care to come along you should make enquiries of Bill Hogg on 01772 719655.

I have no details of forthcoming Spanish Main meetings at present.

Don't mention Seville.

For the diary:-

Saturday 13 July 1996, 11.00 a.m.

01733 268708 for directions.
Summer meeting for the Spanish Main Philatelic Society

Saturday 28 June 1997, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

MIDPEX, Midland Sports Centre, Cromwell Lane, Tile Hill, Coventry
The Exhibition for National/Specialist Philatelic Societies.

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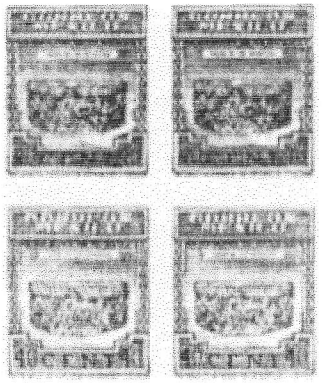
ESSAY FOR A MEXICAN REDUCED FORMAT 40 CENTAVOS DEFINITIVE STAMP

by RICHARD H SAUNDRY

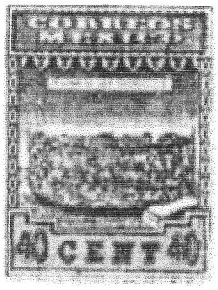
I find I have a block of four of what I guess must be an essay of some kind for an unissued 40 ctvos definitive stamp, presumably intended as an additional value for the "reduced format" definitive set of 1937 (Scott 729-733; SG 598-602).

SG565;Sc712

SG602;Sc733



Essay



SG569;Sc717

The stamps, perforated 14, depict the Sacrificial Stone of Tizoc, and a book, exactly as found on the 40 ctvos value. (SG569; Scott717) of the "large format" definitive set (design 20 x 26 mm, perf 10.5) issued between 1934 and 1936. As with the five issued "reduced format" stamps of 1937, the 40 ctvos value has a design that measures approximately 17.5 x 21 mm, and bears the imprint: "TALLERES DE IMPRESION DE ESTAMPILLAS Y VALORES" at the foot of the design which is similar to the imprints found at the foot of the five values of the issued set; "TALLERES DE IMP(RESION) de EST(AMPILLAS) Y VALLORES-MEXICO". The stamps are coloured brown-lake, the same as the 40 ctvos stamps of the 1934-36 set. Importantly, although gummed, the wove paper bears no watermark, and the wording of the imprint does not contain the word "MEXICO". I can see no logic for this being a bogus/forged item and can only guess this was an unadopted essay. Perhaps someone can confirm?

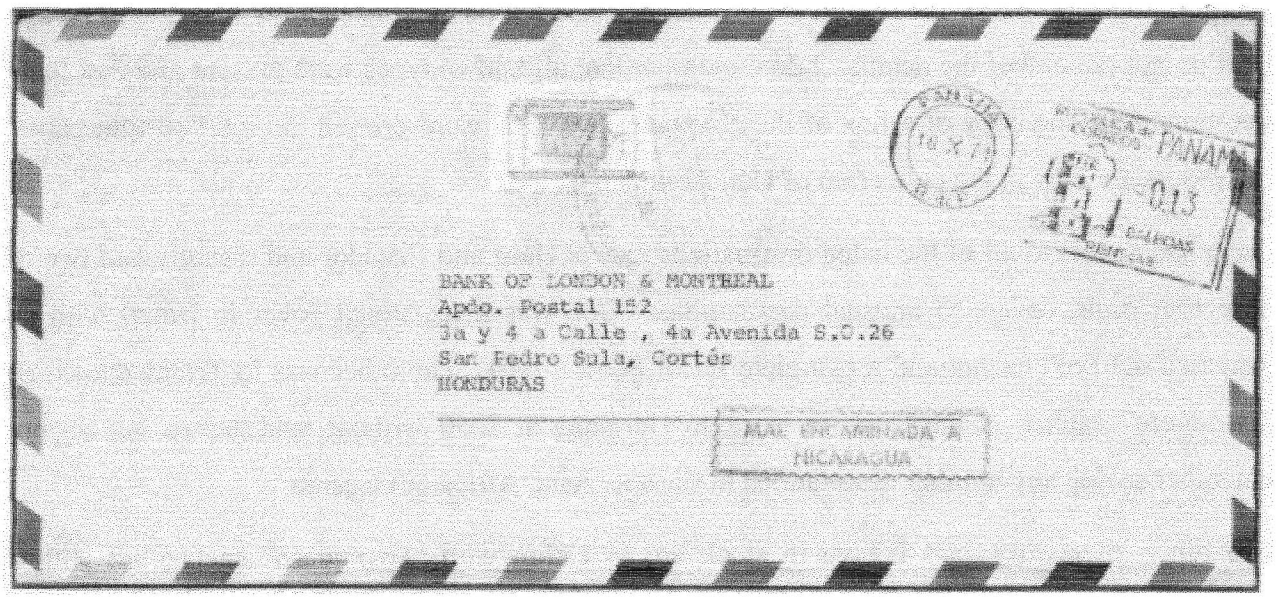
MEPSI EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING

A European Chapter of MEPSI (Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International) has recently been formed, and the second AGM will be held at the British Philatelic Centre, 107 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday 21st September 1996. This date and venue has been deliberately selected to enable collectors attending Autumn STAMPEX to be able to meet up with each other in a relaxed manner. It is envisaged that a number of small displays of Mexico will be offered by some of our distinguished visitors and any members of Spanish Main PS and friends who have an interest in Mexican philately are cordially invited to attend as honoured guests. For further details contact Marino Riosa (0181 577 5798) or Dr Richard Saundry (01883 742186).

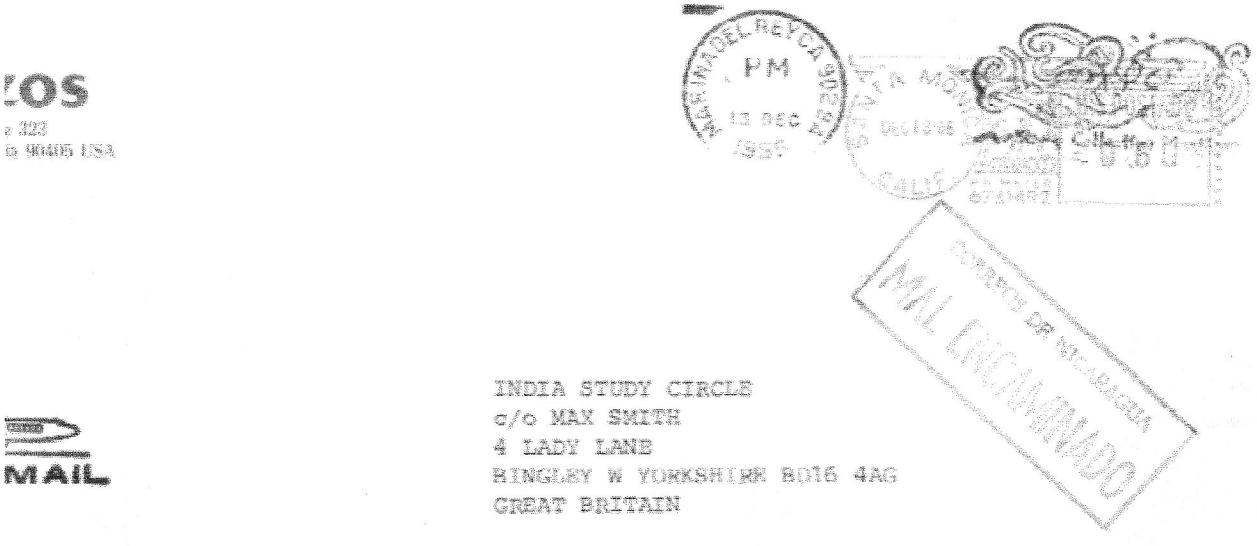
MISSENT TO NICARAGUA

by MICHAEL P BIRKS FRPS,L

In our first issue, back in September 1980, I illustrated a then current "MAL ENCAMINADA A NICARAGUA" marking on a cover to Honduras. I reproduce it below (reduced).



Several weeks ago, I received the cover below with the compli s of the recipient. The date is Dec 1995 but I do not know when the cachet was introduced.



It bears a different strike of this mark which I have not seen before. It is interesting to note that since the Revolution the country has changed sex! (Encaminada is feminine, Encaminado masculine).

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE BEGINNING OF REGULAR COSTA RICAN AIRMAIL SERVICES

by GIANA WAYMAN

I have had, on at least two occasions, covers with the Argentine cachet so it does exist. Indeed a complete set of proofs of the March 1930 cachets exists but passed through my hands so long ago that I do not remember the details. I do remember that all known types were present and that there was more than one copy of a few of the common ones. All were printed in violet on thin paper. The proofs are now in the collection of Don Abraham Gelber.

I have had covers to all of the listed destinations except Haiti and Ecuador and recently had two of these first flight covers to unusual destinations. One was a registered cover to Brazil with an "America del Sur" cachet and a complete set of Scott C7-10. The other was to Trinidad with an "Extranjero" cachet. I have one in stock to Germany at $250 without backstamps but do not remember seeing any to other destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa or Oceania.

Two other interesting ones I have in stock are to Colon with "Extranjero" cachet but with a March 11 cancellation and to Panama with an America del Sur cachet, two Panama arrival first flight cachets in violet and red and a cancellation of March 13. Both of course have arrival circular date stamps of March 13. Another is to Tela, Honduras, with a Tegucigalpa transit on the front and an arrival cds on the back.

It would be interesting if other readers would report covers to the two listed destinations I have not seen and to other unusual destinations.

Figure 1

The cover figure 1 is from the second Lindbergh flight to Costa Rica. He actually landed for two hours in Puntarenas but did not off-load any mail. This cover therefore went to Cristobal (transit cds on back) before coming back to Costa Rica. The photograph is of Lindbergh in Puntarenas.

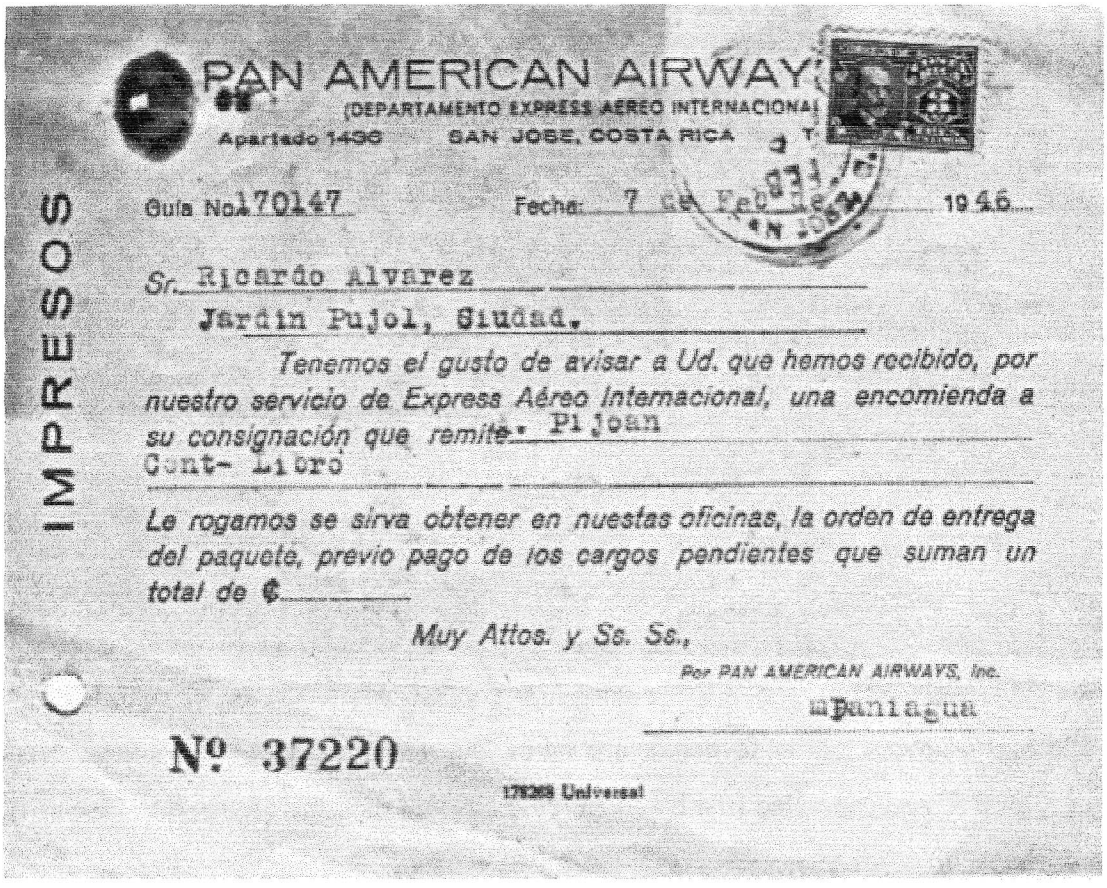

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS
(DEPARTAMENTO EXPRESS AEREO INTERNACIONAL)
Apartado 1436 SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
IMPRESOS
Guia No. 70147
Fecha: 7 de Feb de 1946
Sr. Ricardo Alvarez
Jardin Pujol, Ciudad.
Tenemos el gusto de avisar a Ud. que hemos recibido, por nuestro servicio de Express Aéreo Internacional, una encomienda a su consignación que remite. Pijoan
Cont- Libro
Le rogamos se sirva obtener en nuestas oficinas, la orden de entrega del paquete, previo pago de los cargos pendientes que suman un total de ¢
Muy Attos. y Ss. Ss.,
Por PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, Inc.
Panama
Nº 37220
178269 Universal

Figure 2 (above), Figure 3 (below)

Figure 2 is a notice of arrival of a package on Pan-American Airways. Figure 3 is a cover that went on the first flight north from the Canal Zone on the route through Costa Rica with five more Scott C2's on the back. The New York arrival backstamp is for March 19. Where was the delay?

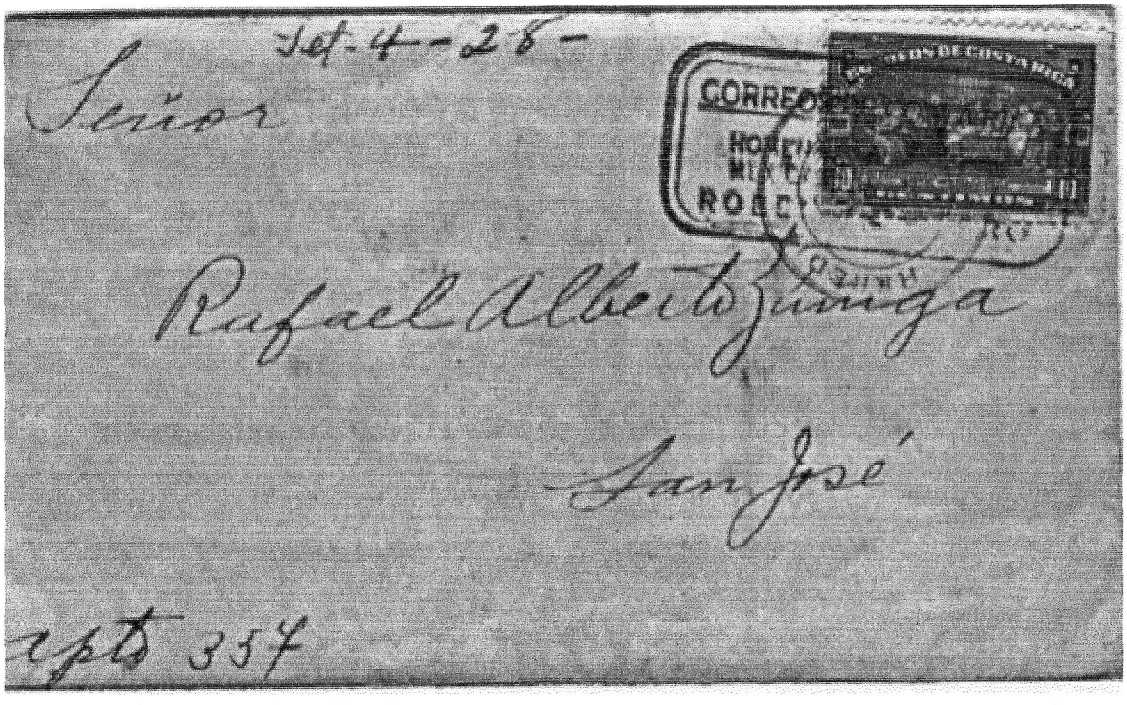


Figure 5

Most of the Fierro covers are by favour or are fakes, but genuine commercial usage also exists. This cover, figure 5, was cancelled first by an Heredia cds and then the Fierro, San José arrival cds of 5th on the back.

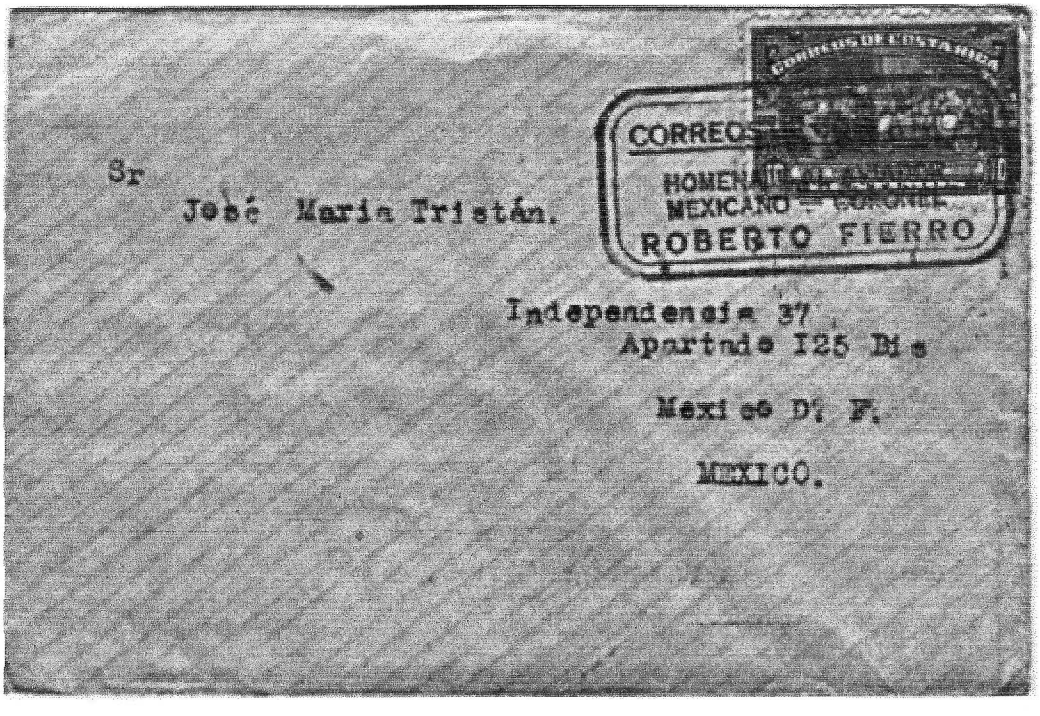


Figure 6

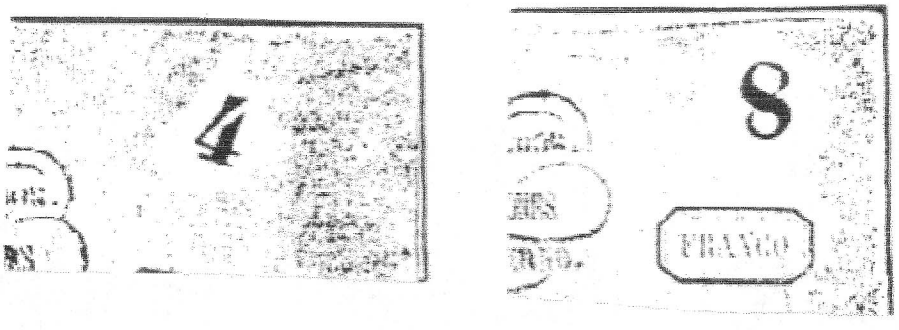
Figure 6 begs the question "Did it fly back to Mexico with Fierro?". On the back is a cds of September 4th and a large Mexico arrival cds of September 19th. If it had been sent by normal mail surely it would have left San José within a few days of 4th. The only reason for holding it would be to have it go on the return Fierro flight.

The illustrated covers are all for sale and available from Giana Wayman, Apartado 6737, San José, Costa Rica CA.

HANSTAMPED RATE MARKINGS IN PRESTAMP CENTRAL AMERICA

by LEO J HARRIS

In my earlier notes in CANL Nos.54 & 61 I listed prestamp rate markings then known to me. Fortunately postal history and philately are not static and, as a result, I have two further marks to report.



The new marks are from San Salvador, El Salvador, and are illustrated above. These "4" and "8" marks, struck in blue, each being approximately $^{3}/_{8}$ths inch high, were used on folded letters from San Salvador (December 18, 1862 and January 19, 1862, respectively) to Guatemala City. Both folded letters carried the octagonal "FRANCO" indicator and the fancy three-line "Estado Del Salvador / Ministerio de Relaciones / Del Supremo Gobierno" origin mark.

Both folded letters were at one time contained in Lot 579 of the April 27, 1979 Christie's auction of the Joseph Hahn collection of El Salvador.

ERRORS, FANTASIES OR FORGERIES?

by S C RUDMAN

In the October 1995 issue of CANL, Issue No.61, J A van Rijn wrote about the "Correo Aereo" overprints of Costa Rica and referred to the fact that most catalogues state that "fantasies and forgeries exist". I have been collecting the stamps of Costa Rica for five years and have obtained many copies of the 5 centavos on 10 centavos brown (SG 182): these include inverted overprint, double overprint, double overprint one inverted, double overprint both inverted, overprint misplaced to right (only half visible) and a vertical pair with the top line printed on the back of the selvedge.

SG 182 (normal)

surcharge inverted

surch double, one inv

surch double, both inv

surcharge double

surcharge misplaced

I only need a copy with the overprint on the gummed side to complete the set!

J R van Rijn's explanation of the "selvedge" error is perfectly feasable but is it an error, a fantasy or a forgery? A forgery is defined as "something fraudulently produced to deceive", but the stamps are genuine and the type of the overprint (style, colour, spacing and length) also appear genuine. There are so many "errors" available that they must have been created, not to deceive the postal authority, but to meet the demands of the philatelic market.

The vertical pair showing the surcharge on the selvedge (left) and the selvedge unfolded (right).

The term fantasy suggests something weird, supernatural and beyond reality, but we all know that errors do occur and we all search for that stamp that makes our collection that little bit special. Do we need a new term to classify these "errors"?

SOME MORE UNLISTED NICARAGUA

by KAY RASMUSSEN

Adding to Mr Birks' "Some Unlisted Nicaragua" I have other varieties of the "Resello 1936" issue which are unlisted.

1. SG 885 with red control (139a).
2. SG 886 with "Resello 1936" (140c) double and with red control (193a).
3. SG 802 with "Resello 1936" (140c).

I have no doubt that the control overprints are genuine, although Mr Maxwell assumes they are fakes made by Contreras. They could just as well be rare varieties.

CHECKLIST OF UNCATALOGUED ERRORS AND VARIETIES ON STAMPS AND SOUVENIR SHEETS OF HONDURAS

by ANTAL BÖRCSÖK BALINT

Sc No.	Yv.No.	Description
357	276	Vertical black colour shifted downwards. One sheet of 25 stamps is known.
358	B37	Reading vertically upwards, "CORREO DE HONDURAS" inscription with larger and thicker letters than normal. Total length of the inscription is 80mm instead of 71mm and total width is 5mm instead of 4mm. Around 20 s/s with this variety have been reported.
ditto		Vertical downward line like ink flaw from the point in "3.00" to the rear end of the ship. Found on most stamps of the first 1,000 plate numbers.
363	277	Horizontal colour shift. Double ship mast, red and green. Ocurring on a considerable number of stamps.
364	278	Down and leftward yellow and red colour shift. "L.1.00" inscription double. Several sheets of 30 stamps have been reported.
ditto		Triple perforation horizontally in one row, one through the lower third of the row of stamps. Several sheets reported.
373	B48	Upward black shift. Four s/s have been reported.
ditto		Upward yellow shift. Nine s/s have been reported.
C624	A585	Imperforate vertically and horizontally. One sheet is known.
C727	A683	Downward blue shift. One sheets of 25 stamps is known.
C738	A698	Inverted overprint. Several sheets of 25 stamps have been reported.
C740	A693A	On one stamp in the last row (position 24) the rectangular black obliteration of the original value and the L. 0.60 surcharge are missing, but the stamp has the black bar on the top. Twelve sheets with this error have been reported.
C747	A703	Exists in two main shades - mountain sides around waterfall dark blue and black or light blue and green.
C751	A707	Colour shift to left. Three sheets of 25 stamps reported.
C752	B35	Partial horizontal colour shift due to paper fold during the printing process. One s/s known.
C753	A708	Missing "AEREO" and "L. 0.20" green inscription. One sheet of 50 stamps has been reported.
ditto		One stamp in each sheets of 50 stamps (position 38) reads "JOSF" instead of "JOSE".
ditto		Owing to an upward shift of the perforation between the rows in several sheets, on the stamps of the first row the printer's imprint is missing and on the stamps of the following four rows the imprint appears in the upper left corner.
C754	A709	One stamp in each sheets of 50 stamps (position 38) reads "JOSF" instead of "JOSE".
ditto		Owing to an upward shift of the perforation between the rows in several sheets, on the stamps of the first row the printer's imprint is missing and on the stamps of the following four rows the imprint appears in the upper left corner.
C755	A710	Missing all black inscriptions, only the green plant leaves printed on white background. One sheet of 50 stamps known.
ditto		Colour variations: light green; dark green; light brown. The dark green in the most common.
ditto		Colour shift to the right. Several sheets of 50 stamps known.
C756	A711	Colour variations: light green; dark green; light brown. The dark green in the most common.
C762	A717	Red colour double in the upper left corner. Eight sheets have been reported.
C763	A718	"REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS" and "L. 0.95" larger and thicker letters on hard, thick paper, without gum. One sheet of 50 stamps known.
C764	A719	Imperforate vertically and horizontally. At least one sheet of 50 stamps is known.
C765	A720	Imperforate vertically and horizontally. At least one sheet of 50 stamps is known.
C769	A722	"L. 0.C5" instead of "L. 0.05" on one stamp on a considerable number of sheets.
C770	A725	Left vertical margin of the sheet imperforate. Five sheets have been reported.
ditto		The second "O" in "CORREO" looks like an inverted "C" with a full stop in the break. One stamp in every sheet.
C771	A726	Background shading shifted halfway upwards. Several sheets of 25 stamps known.
ditto		Background shading is missing. One sheet is known.
C778	B39	Plate number reading up on the left lower margin instead of the right upper margin. Souvenir sheets numbered 1 to 1,000 have this characteristic.

C779-80	A734-35	Double overprint. Ten sheets of 24 stamps are known.
C781	A733	Albino overprint on the first two right columns on several sheets
ditto		Upward shift of the overprint. Last row has no "X" obliteration of the original value and in the other rows the "X" obliteration is in the right bottom corner of each stamp. Several sheets are known to exist.
C783	A737	Horizontal shift of the overprint to the right, to such an extent that "X" and "0.15" are located in the upper corner of the stamps and the "L" on the right upper corner. The stamps of the first column of the sheet have only the "L" overprint. Several sheets are known to exist.
C786	A741	Inverted overprint. One sheet of 24 stamps is k
ditto		Double overprint, one inverted. One sheet of 24 stamps is known.
C787	A738	Double overprint. Several sheets of 25 stamps are known.
ditto		Inverted overprint. Several sheets of 25 stamps are known.
C788	A739	Double overprint on the stamps of the last two left columns. Both overprints horizontal. Six sheets reported with this error.
ditto		Double overprint, one horizontal and the other almost vertical across the last two left columns. Four sheets are known.
ditto		Overprint partially missing. Several sheets have been reported.
C795	unlisted	On one stamp in the sheet the numeral "8" in "1989" is deformed, appearing to be "1999". Several sheets have been reported.
C800	A749A	Vertical shift downwards of the black inscriptions, to such an extent that the map of Honduras is duplicated; one of them is white and the other green. One sheet is known with this error.
C806	A749D	Horizontal colour shift upwards and towards the left. One sheet of 30 stamps is known.
C811	A754	Yellow shifted horizontally towards the left. One sheet of 30 stamps is known.
ditto		Horizontal and vertical double perforation of the sheet. One sheet of 30 stamps is known.
C813	A759	Second vertical perforation line shifted to the left. Stamps in the first column of the sheet are 2mm narrower than the normal stamps and the stamps in the second column are 2mm wider. Several sheets have been reported.
C844	B47	Around twenty souvenir sheets have been reported without the golden crown and "500" inscription.
C852	A786	Imperforate vertically and horizontally. Two sheets of 30 stamps are known.
C871	unlisted	UPAEP (America) 1992 issue. L. 0.35 value has been printed on thick paper in a dark bluish-violet shade and on thin paper in a clearer blue, red-brown and green shades. The printing on thicker paper is the scarcer.
C872	unlisted	UPEAP (America) 1992 issue. L. 5.00 value has been printed on thick paper in a dark bluish-violet shade and on thin paper in a clear bluish red-brown shade. The printing on thicker paper is the scarcer.
ditto		Missing all black inscriptions and frame, showing only the central design in colours. One sheet of 30 stamps is known.
C873	unlisted	1992 Discovery of America issue. L. 0.95 value with downward shift of the yellow. One sheet of 30 stamps is known.
C875	unlisted	Missing all black inscriptions and frame, showing only the central design in colours. One sheet of 30 stamps is known.
C880	A799	Black inscriptions and frame double. One sheet of 30 stamps known.
C890	A835	Surcharge shifted down and right to such an extent that ".85" is on the left margin and "L. 0" on the right margin of the stamp. The black obliterating bar is about 10mm lower than the original value.
C891	A836	In about the first hundred sheets the "L" of "L. 0.85" is missing in position 10. Corrected early in the printing run because most sheets do not contain this error.
C893	A804	Imperforate vertically and horizontally. Two sheets of 30 stamps have been reported.
C920	unlisted	Horizontal shift of red colour to the left and the blue colour to the right on the basic stamp. One sheet of 20 stamps is known.
unlisted	unlisted	UPAEP 1994 issue. Both values (L. 1.50 and L. 2.00) exist imperforate vertically and horizontally. Several sheets of 30 stamps have been reported of each value.
unlisted	unlisted	1995 Honduras Wildlife Issue. L. 5.40 value showing "Iguana iguana" exists imperforate vertically and horizontally. One sheet is known.

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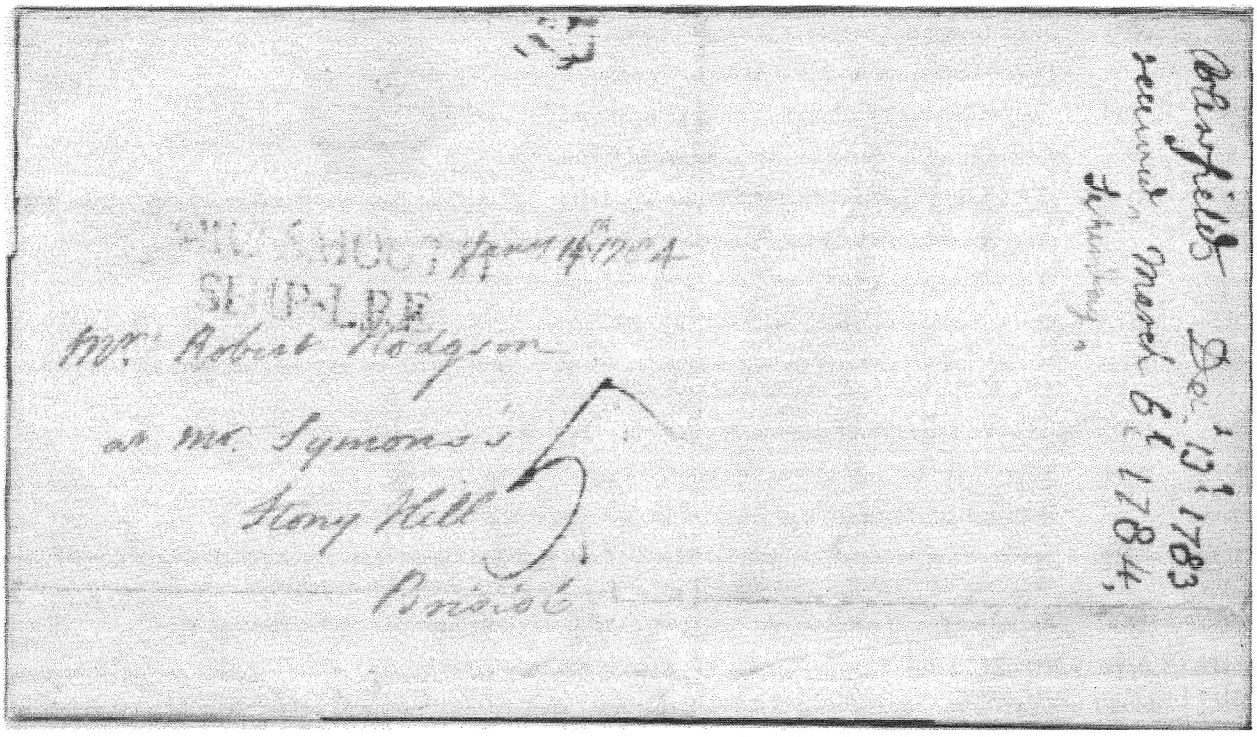

The cover above was discovered, along with two others, amongst a group of Jamaican covers in an auction lot. One of the three was from Corn Island, leaving this and one other as (probably) the only C18th letters from British Nicaragua. Sent from "Greenfields in the land of rain" the letter was written on the "Bluefields Shore" on 13 December 1783 by Elizabeth, wife of William Hodgson.

I describe her as a "bored housewife"; I leave you to make your own mind up.

> "My Dear Children.
> I have nothing new to write you, but to say God Bless you and send you every good thing that will make you happy; your Father is still in Jamaica, your Brother and sister are well, but I cannot get Billy to write to you, don't you be like him, write to me by every opportunity. I am certain you will as you know it gives me so much satisfaction I may say happiness, my love to all the family, Maria your letters are too short.
>
> Your affectionate mother
> Eliz Hodgson
>
> Maria, Amy says I must tell you that the cat has had kittens twice, very pretty ones, three each time. Billy and Amy send their love, Bell says I must give hers."

It cost someone 5d to find out about the kittens! The ship letter rate to England was 4d at that time with an additional 1d for inland transmission. Was life in Bluefields so dull that if the cat had not had kittens would I still be the happy possessor of such a rare piece of postal history?

It is interesting to note that in 1893 a Mr Hodgson was collecting duty on the Mosquito shore.

CA STUDY GROUP

Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the year September 30, 1995 to October 1, 1996.

National Westminster Bank (Marple)

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Opening Balance	523.10	CA News (Issues 61 - 64) including expenses.	568.82
		Treasurer's expenses	8.55
		Deposit for Midpex '97	10.00
		ABPS subscription for 1997	22.55
		Multiple subs. vired to Mainsheet or the Chile group.	111.00
		Hire of frames for AGM	3.00
Subscriptions	620.71	Closing Balance	419.89
	1143.81		1143.81

CHILE STUDY GROUP

Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the year September 30, 1995 to October 1, 1996.

National Westminster Bank (Marple)

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Opening Balance	230.15	Chile News (Issues 53 -56) including expenses	496.01
		Treasurer's expenses	8.54
		Deposit for Midpex '97	10.00
		ABPS subscription for 1997	21.45
		Multiple subs. vired to Mainsheet or the CA group.	46.00
		Hire of frames for AGM	3.00
Subscriptions	535.34	Closing Balance.	180.49
	765.49		765.49

David Hankey 1/10/96.

An analysis of the questionnaire on the back of last years' subscription form.

First can I say 'thank you' to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

The figures that follow give us a rough guide of the philatelic areas we collect and should be helpful to our newsletter editors and of interest to us as members of both the Chile/Peru and Central American groups.

The percentages are calculated on the number of completed questionnaires. For Chile/Peru there were 63 and for Central America 56.

	Chile/Peru	Central America
Pre stamp	42%	32%
Stamps - classic to modern	90%	85%
Revenues	5%	27%
Telegraphs	3%	1%
Postage Dues	3%	-
Postal History	41%	34%
Postal Stationary	35%	36%
TPO	29%	3%
Maritime mail	21%	-
Airmail	38%	6%
PPC	20%	27%

The areas above do not include forgeries, registered mail, postmarks, studies of particular stamp issues, studies of the PH of specific wars/revolutions and finally miniature sheets.

The Central American questionnaire was made more difficult to analyse because members collect a range of countries from a single one to all of them. In percentage terms these break down as follows:

All countries	16%	Haiti	7%
Costa Rica	20%	Honduras	20%
Cuba	5%	Mexico	4%
Dominican Republic	4%	Nicaragua	30%
El Salvador	14%	Panama	11%
Guatemala	29%	Puerto Rico	2%

As I wrote at the beginning, I hope you find the above information interesting.

David Hankey. August 27, 1996

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'NO RESERVE' CLEARANCE AUCTION

BID SHEET

(Please read the information overleaf before mailing your bids)

two identical bids, your one to lose

Lot No	Bid	Leave blank	Lot No	Bid	Leave blank
N 262	25	25-00	Brought forward		£
N 333	1.50	—			
N 337	1.50	—			
N 388	.75	0.60			
N 389	.50	—			
N 391	.50	0.50			
N 393	.75	0.60			
N 394	1.50	1.10			
N 396	7.50	7.10			
N 397	.75	0.60			
N 398	.50	0.50			
N 399	.50	0.30			
N 900	3.50	—			
N 401	.50	0.30			
N 402	1.75	1.10			
N 404	3.25	—			
N 405	1.00	0.80			
N 406	1.00	0.80			
N 407	.75	0.75		Cancelled	
N 444	1.50	1.10			
N 445	1.50	1.10			
UN 2	1.00	—	Total of successful bids		£ 42.05
			Postage		£ 1.56
Carried forward		£ 42.05	Total due		£ 43.61

If this was your bid sheet

please contact me as soon as convenient.

Mike Birks